

eNewsletter

2017
August 17

Back-to-School
2017-2018

Welcome Back to School! *From Superintendent Danny Massey*



Whether you are a returning family or new to the Brazosport Independent School District, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you for the 2017-2018 school year. We look forward to an incredible year full of outstanding and noteworthy achievements by our students and staff. We will once again highlight these achievements weekly on the [BISD B*Braggin](#) page, so be sure to seek that out each Friday on the [BISD website](#) and [social media](#) pages.

Our teachers and administrators spent a great deal of time this summer preparing for a new school year filled with exciting and engaging learning opportunities and ways to excel students into a future full of hope and endless possibilities. It is our desire to see that each and every student receives a quality education, has outstanding learning experiences, and is surrounded by caring and compassionate staff members that will help them discover their purpose. Our vision statement summarizes this desire: "BISD... Setting the Standard for Educational Excellence."

We have been busy with construction improvements across the district this summer, and we are happy to announce the first of five new elementary schools will open its doors to our students on August 17. In addition to having the best teachers possible, we want to have quality facilities with learning environments conducive to engagement. To keep up with the progress of our facility bonds, check out our [Bond Projects](#) page online.

We are very excited about our implementation of the EmpowerED one-to-one mobile device initiative for all of our students Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade during the 2017-2018 school year. All elementary students will have access to Chromebooks in the classroom, while students in grades 5-12 will be able to take their Chromebooks wherever they go. The purpose of this initiative is to provide equipment and resources to meet the varied needs of our students and help prepare them for the 21st century workforce.

Thank you for sharing and entrusting your child with the staff of Brazosport Independent School District; we do not take this responsibility lightly. It is going to be a great school year!

2017-2018 Bell Schedule

	Start Time	End Time
Pre-K (AM)	8:05 AM	11:50 AM
Pre-K (PM)	11:50 AM	3:35 PM
Grades K-6	8:05 AM	3:35 PM
Clute Intermediate	8:05 AM	3:35 PM
Grades 7-12	7:30 AM	3:00 PM
Lighthouse Learning	8:30 AM	4:00 PM
B*Success Academy	8:30 AM	4:00 PM



Find Books at Local Businesses to Take, Read and Share!



As you go to various places in the Brazosport community, be looking for a crate of books like the one pictured in the middle to your left. Many of our community business partners have requested these crates so they can ensure our students have access to books wherever they go.

Let's face it... we live in a world with jam-packed schedules and although we have the best of intentions it is nearly impossible to get everything done. Having books available at many of the places around town that you take your child will give them more reading opportunities! There is a wealth of research that shows that children who are engaged in reading activities at least 20 minutes a day during the critical "learning to read" years are more likely to be successful in school. Reading is brain food for a child. It strengthens their network of knowledge, improves their listening skills, builds their early literacy skills, improves academic performance and even improves relationships. Overall, reading to a child just 20 minutes a day gives that child an investment for a lifetime!

It is the goal of Brazosport ISD's Read 2020 Initiative to have all of our students reading at or above grade-level by the year 2020. If you would like a crate of books delivered to your place of business please call 979-730-7000 or email gcardenas@brazosportisd.net. We would like to thank our business partners and parents for your participation as we work together to help create a legacy of literacy!

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Post your Back-to-School photos on FB/Twitter with the Hashtag #BISDPride

B*BRAGGIN

New State of the Art Facilities Prepare to Open

Students attending Beutel Elementary will start the coming school year in a new building and construction has begun for the new Freeport Elementary School, scheduled to open in August of 2018.

Beutel Elementary, located in the Lake Jackson area, will serve grades Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade and is designed to accommodate up to 750 students. Its 89,865 gross square feet of space will incorporate many 21st century educational design attributes, such as daylight exposure in each classroom, collaboration spaces throughout the campus for group learning of various sizes, and overall flexibility of spaces to respond to the needs of students today, and tomorrow.

The construction of Freeport Elementary School has started on West 11th Street in Freeport. Completion is scheduled for the 2018-2019 school year. This campus is designed for 750 Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st-grade students in the Freeport area who will become the pioneers of the new school. This facility will cater to the unique learning needs and characteristics of early childhood learners. It will have three classroom wings with a teacher's planning and supply room on each wing. A large multipurpose space will function as a cafeteria, gym and a place for large events. Like Beutel, the new campus design provides extensive natural light in each classroom as well as areas dedicated to outdoor learning and spaces for collaborative learning within each classroom wing.

"We continue to fulfill Mr. Swenson's 1913 declaration that Freeport will have some of the finest schools and school buildings as can be found in any city across the state." Superintendent Massey stated, referring to S.W. Swenson, former president of the Freeport Townsite Company. "The new Freeport Elementary School will honor the community's rich history and will celebrate the lasting legacy and pride of all former Freeport school students."



Submit Nominations for 2017 Wall of Fame

Do you know a BISD alumni who has made a significant impact in our world or community? We encourage you to review the online guidelines and consider nominating them for the 2017 [BISD Wall of Fame!](#)

Brazosport Independent School District annually celebrates its rich history and heritage by honoring outstanding graduates with selection to the **Brazosport Independent School District Wall of Fame**. Nominations are being accepted for the current year until September 2, 2017. The Wall of Fame monument, located at Hopper Field in Freeport, was created to honor graduates of BISD who have demonstrated a high level of achievement in their field of endeavor and/or who have made significant contributions through achievement, service or leadership. The 2017 Wall of Fame recipients will be honored at the last home game(s) of the season.

Join the BISD Community Leadership Team

BISD would like to give our community/business partners an in-depth look at our district and its operations as part of the BISD Community Leadership Team. Team members will attend four half-day sessions hosted by BISD's Public Relations Department. The dates are September 28, 2017 (11:30-3:30); October 26, 2017 (8-noon); November 30, 2017 (11:30-3:30) and January 25, 2018 (8-noon). Locations will vary throughout the district. Applications for community members wishing to be considered for the **2017-18 BISD Community Leadership Team** may be found on the [BISD website](#), click [Community Leadership Team](#) from the Community drop-list. New team members will be notified the first week of September.

2017 Varsity Game Schedules

Varsity Football

Brazosport High School

Date	vs.	Place	Time
8/18/17	LaMarque (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00 PM
8/25/17	Hitchcock (Scrimmage)	Hopper	6:00 PM
9/1/17	Worthing	Butler	7:00 PM
9/8/17	Porter (Red Tide)	Hopper	7:30 PM
9/15/17	Cleveland	Hopper	7:30 PM
9/22/17	Sweeny	Away	7:30 PM
9/29/17	OPEN		
10/6/17	Sealy	Away	7:30 PM
10/13/17	El Campo (Pink Out)	Hopper	7:30 PM
10/20/17	Stafford	Away	7:30 PM
10/27/17	Bay City ***Homecoming***	Hopper	7:30 PM
11/3/17	Columbia	Away	7:30 PM
11/10/16	Needville (Sr Night)	Hopper	7:30 PM

Brazoswood High School

Date	vs.	Place	Time
8/25/17	Clear Lake (Scrimmage)	Away	7:00 PM
9/1/17	Port Lavaca	Away	7:30 PM
9/7/17	Galveston Ball	Hopper	7:00 PM
9/15/17	Lamar Consolidated	Away	7:00 PM
9/22/17	Conroe (Sr Night)	Hopper	7:00 PM
9/29/17	Alief Taylor	Away	7:00 PM
10/6/17	Alief Hasting ***Homecoming***	Hopper	7:00 PM
10/13/17	Pearland Dawson	Away	7:00 PM
10/20/17	George Ranch (Pink Out)	Away	7:00 PM
10/27/17	OPEN		
11/3/17	Pearland	Away	7:00 PM
11/11/17	Alief Elsik (Black Out)	Hopper	2:00 PM

Varsity Volleyball (District Games)

Brazoswood High School

Date	vs.	Place	Time
9/8/17	Alief Taylor	Away	6:30 PM
9/12/17	Alief Hastings	Away	6:30 PM
9/15/17	Pearland Dawson	Away	6:30 PM
9/19/17	George Ranch	Home	6:30 PM
9/26/17	Pearland	Away	6:30 PM
9/29/17	Alief Elsik	Home	6:30 PM
10/3/17	Alief Taylor	Home	6:30 PM
10/6/17	Alief Hastings	Home	4:30 PM
10/10/17	Pearland Dawson	Home	6:30 PM
10/13/17	George Ranch	Away	6:00 PM
10/20/17	Pearland	Home	6:30 PM
10/24/17	Alief Elsik	Away	6:30 PM

Brazosport High School

Date	vs.	Place	Time
9/19/17	Wharton	Away	7:00 PM
9/26/17	Bay City	Away	7:00 PM
9/29/17	Sweeny	Away	5:00 PM
10/3/17	Columbia	Home	7:00 PM
10/6/17	El Campo	Home	5:00 PM
10/10/17	Wharton	Home	7:00 PM
10/13/17	Columbia	Away	5:00 PM
10/17/17	El Campo	Away	7:00 PM
10/20/17	Bay City	Home	5:00 PM
10/24/17	Sweeny	Home	7:00 PM

2017-2018 Back-to-School Information



Online registration is available now until August 20, 2017 for current BISD students. Students who are new to the district can call the campus they will be attending or call our student services department at 979-730-7000. More registration and Back-to-School information can be found in the links below.

Classes Begin

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Online Student Registration

New Student Enrollment

Meet the Teacher Dates

School Supplies (PK-8)

District Calendar

Bus Rider Signup

Meal Pay Online

2017-2018 BISD Important Dates & Holidays

Student Holidays:

August 17, 2017	Classes Begin
September 4, 2017	Labor Day Holiday Staff/Students
October 13, 2017	Holiday Staff/Students
November 10, 2017	Staff Development/Student Holiday
November 20-24, 2017	Thanksgiving Break
December 25-Jan 5	Winter Break
January 8, 2018	Teacher Prep/Student Holiday
January 9, 2018	Staff Development/Student Holiday
January 15, 2018	Holiday Staff/Students (Exchange)
February 19, 2018	Staff Development/Student Holiday
March 12-16, 2018	Spring Break
March 30, 2018	Staff Development/Student Holiday
April 20, 2018	Holiday Staff/Students (Exchange)
May 24, 2018	Last Day of School (Early Release)

Graduation Dates:

Winter Graduation	January 19, 2017 (BPort 7:30 PM)
Brazoswood	May 26, 2017 (Hopper 7:30 PM)
Brazosport	May 27, 2017 (Hopper 7:30 PM)
Inclement Weather	April 17, 2017 May 26, 2017

Give Us a Call! *Brazosport ISD Directory*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Campus	Phone
SFA STEM Academy	979-730-7160
A.P. Beutel	979-730-7165
Bess Brannen	979-730-7170
O.A. Fleming	979-730-7175
Madge Griffith	979-730-7180
Elisabet Ney	979-730-7190
T.W. Ogg	979-730-7195
Gladys Polk	979-730-7200
O.M. Roberts	979-730-7205
Velasco	979-730-7210

DEPARTMENTS

Department	Phone
B*Safe Hotline	979-730-SAFE
Administration	979-730-7000
Transportation	979-730-7145
Athletics	979-730-7280
Child Nutrition	979-730-7110
Federal Programs	979-730-7285
BISD Police Dept	979-730-7299
Resource Center	979-730-7053

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Campus	Phone
Lanier Middle	979-730-7220
Rasco Middle	979-730-7225
Clute Intermediate	979-730-7230
Freeport Intermediate	979-730-7240
Lake Jackson Intermediate	979-730-7250
Brazosport High	979-730-7260
Brazoswood High 9th	979-730-7320
Brazoswood High	979-730-7300
Lighthouse Learning Center	979-730-7340



It is the policy of Brazosport ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.